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## THE ALLIES BELIEVE RUMANIA SOON WILL TAKE THE PLUNGE

Would Provide the Missing Link in the Chain of Troops 1,300 Miles Long—Relations Between Greece and Turkey Have Reached Breaking Point—Italy is Growing Restless.

(By Associated Press.)  
LONDON, Jan. 9.—Should Rumania, now that the Russians are on the border, if not actually in Transylvania, decide to join the Allies, her army will provide the missing link in the chain of troops 1,300 miles long, winding from the Baltic to the Adriatic.

This battle line would be composed of Russians, Rumanians, Serbians and Montenegrins on the one side, and Germans and Austro-Hungarians on the other.

The Allies believe Rumania soon will take the plunge. Other developments are expected. Relations between Greece and Turkey have reached the breaking point over the alleged ill-treatment of Greeks in Asia Minor. Italy is growing restless over Turkey's delay in giving satisfaction for the violation of the Italian consulate at Hodeida, from which the British consul, who sought refuge, was forcibly removed.

Italy also, it is reported, has agreed that Serbia should be granted a port in the Adriatic. Rumania and Greece, it is thought, however, may delay taking up arms until Bulgaria, which is anxious for a part of Macedonia, is satisfied for a hostile Bulgarian on their borders would compel them to divide their forces.

While there are no reports of starting battle field developments, extremely important operations are progressing in both east and west.

The Germans, simultaneously with renewal of their attacks on the left bank of the Vistula, are developing

a new offensive from the direction of Mlawa on the east Prussian frontier. Some German attacks on the Russian line which runs along the Bzura and Rawka rivers and thence southward to Opoczno, and along the Nida to Opoczno on the lower Vistula, have been particularly severe, but according to the Russian report, all have been repulsed.

The thaw which has set in in southern Poland and Galicia, has converted the country into a sea of mud and even cleared the snow from the Carpathians, so that fighting in this region is impossible.

The French, after a heavy bombardment of the German positions between the Oise and the western end of the Argonne, and after suffering several repulses, have advanced their fronts at several points, particularly east of Rheims, where their progress has been slow but steady. In eastern Argonne the Germans have been advancing.

The French again report progress in the vicinity of Elver, in the Woëvre district, which is of particular importance, for about it continue they will cut the road linking St. Mihiel with Metz and may compel the Germans to evacuate St. Mihiel, which they gained long ago at great cost.

The Germans have sent reinforcements to Alsace, where the French advance has threatened to cut Muelhausen from the rest of the German line, and have occupied Burghaupt-Le-Haut.

## SEA BELONGS TO ALL THE WORLD

Asserts Dr. Dernburg, Former German Colonial Secretary in Address Before Club.

(By Associated Press.)  
NEW YORK, Jan. 9.—The sea is the common property of all the world and if its freedom is maintained it will mean cessation of war, asserted Dr. Bernhard Dernburg, former German colonial secretary, in an address today before the Republican Club.

The present struggle he declared, was the fight "on the one side for absolute dominion of the seven seas and on the other for a free sea."

"The English have time and again asserted," he said, "that Britannia must rule the waves as a matter of safety. The British doctrine leads further, of necessity, to the claim that the British empire begins at the three-mile limit of all other territory, a claim that has no foundation in the law of nations or in the feeling of the civilized world."

"We must establish a free sea to be able to exclusively by the merchant marine of all nations. Men of war or any nation whatsoever must be forbidden upon the high seas. When that is done, the world as it is divided now will come to a permanent peace."

Medals Presented.  
NEW YORK, Jan. 9.—William C. Redfield, secretary of commerce, presented today to Captain Paul H. Krehbiel a watch and 23 officers and seamen of the Red Star Line steamship Kronland medals awarded to them by congress for their service of 89 survivors of the steamship Volturno, burned in mid-Atlantic on October 2 and 10, 1914.

## Governor May Turn Loose Every Convict in the State

COLUMBIA, Jan. 9.—"This is just the beginning," said Governor Blewett today in making public his proclamation granting pardons to the 1,950 or more convicts who have been paroled by him since being governor. He is seriously considering, he said, releasing all convicts remaining in the penitentiary on changeouts throughout the state and in county jails. Over 2,000 more convicts would be freed should he do this. The fact that Governor Blewett asked every county superior to telegraph the number of prisoners on the chain-gangs helps in the belief of the public that he will "let 'em all go."

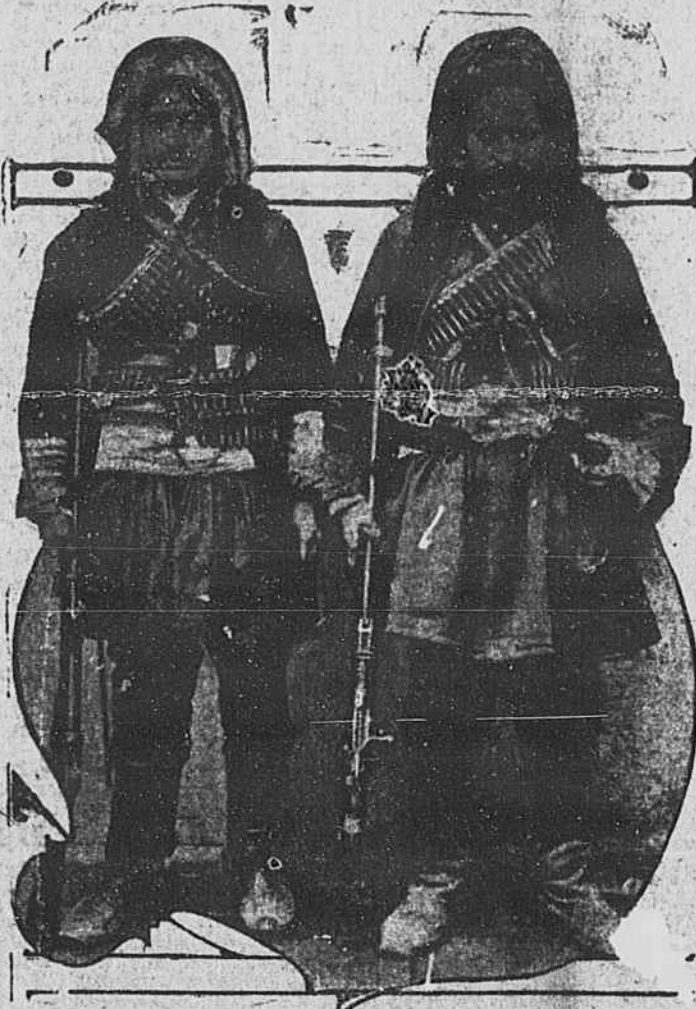
on doors" before he retires from office. "I know I have turned out more than one a day for every day I have been governor," he said when informed that his total clemency list was about 1,700.

A special pardon was granted to W. T. Jones, the wealthy Union County farmer, who was paroled after serving only a short term at the penitentiary for the murder of his wife. This was necessitated by other conditions having been attached to his parole besides good behavior.

This afternoon 37 more pardons and paroles were sent across to the secretary's table from the governor.

Anderson County drew a blank in this batch.

## Leader of the Persian Kurds Fighting Russia.



This photograph shows how the great war has spread over the earth. The figure on the right is Omar Agha, leader of the Persian Kurds, who is fighting with the Turks against the Russians. The young man is his brother. One of the bloodiest fields of the war is that in Turkey, just west of Persia. The Russians marched over the Caucasus Mountains into Turkey and took several cities. They were met by Turkish armies they

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vanquished. Then Enver Pasha, the leader of the Young Turks and war minister, who has been the chief advocate of war, led his army against the Russians. A week ago reports came of a decisive victory by the Russians, with the statement that the war minister had quit in disgust and returned to Constantinople. The Kurds, who have been helping the Turks, have the reputation of being fierce fighters.

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## WILL PREVENT BORDER FIGHTING

VILLA GIVES HIS WORD THAT THERE WILL BE NO MORE TROUBLE

NACO SHALL REMAIN NEUTRAL

Mexican Leader Promises Gen. Scott That Gov. Maytorena Will Sign Agreement.

(By Associated Press.)  
EL PASO, Tex., Jan. 9.—General Villa today gave Brigadier General Scott his word that he would prevent further border fighting, which since the Madero revolution in 1911, has been a menace to residents of American border towns.

The Mexican leader promised he would order Governor Maytorena to sign an agreement which had been drafted by General Scott at Naco. It would prevent a recurrence of the fighting there, which during the last two months has caused the wounding and killing of more than 50 persons on the American side. General Hill, commander of the Carranza garrison defending Naco, Sonora, already has signed the agreement.

The 8,000 Villa troops passing through Juarez on their way to Sonora, will be sent, Villa said, to Guaymas, on the California gulf, and not to participate in fighting along the border.

The agreement also provides that Naco shall remain neutral territory and closed to commerce until some constitutional government is established in Mexico and recognized by the United States and until one of the contending factions in Sonora entirely dominates the other. Nogales, held by Maytorena, and Agua Prieta, held by Hill, shall not be attacked for any reason whatsoever.

Maytorena's troops shall retire to Cananea or Nogales, and shall not molest the movement of the Hill forces from Naco to Agua Prieta.

This last clause is opposed by the Maytorena faction. Naco is between Nogales and Agua Prieta.

General Villa is expected to return south to direct personally the campaign against Carranza forces in the east. General Scott will return to Washington, perhaps after a brief visit to Naco.

A Villa force will be detached to hold General Hill's force at Agua Prieta, but it is understood not to attack him.

General Villa announced tonight he would welcome the return to Mexico of all former regular army officers, many of whom were reported in a destitute state in the United States and other countries. He also issued a statement claiming a decisive victory against Carranza troops near Saltillo.

Prisoners Are Not Being Ill Treated

(By Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—Chandler Anderson, former counselor of the state department, who recently visited France, Germany, Austria and Great Britain for the department and inspected detention camps for interned nationals of hostile nations, reported to President Wilson today that charges that these prisoners were being ill treated were unfounded. So far as his observations went, he said, they were being given the same treatment as the soldiers who guard the camps.

Fifty-Seven Vessels Will Make Up Fleet

(By Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—Fifty-seven naval vessels will make up the fleet which will go to San Francisco by way of the Panama Canal next March, Secretary Daniels announced today.

There will be 21 battleships, headed by the dreadnaught Wyoming, Admiral Fletcher's flagship; 23 torpedo boat destroyers, and 13 auxiliaries, including colliers and supply vessels.

At Charleston the fleet will be joined by the famous old Oregon and Dewey's flagship of Manila, the Olympia. The Oregon is being fitted on the Pacific coast for the cruise and the Olympia at Charleston, S. C.

Canadians Add Surprise.

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 9.—Canadians here to attend the celebration of the centenary of peace between Great Britain and the United States added an unexpected feature to the second day's ceremonies today by placing a wreath on a statue of General Andrew Jackson. Hon. J. B. Boyle, minister of education of Alberta, officiated.

## GERMAN BATTLE CRUISER VON DER TANN IS REPORTED SUNK

Engagement Takes Place Off Rio Grande de Norte With British Cruiser Invincible Which Was One of the Vessels That Sank the German Squadron Off Falkland Islands.

(By Associated Press.)  
BUENOS AIRES, Jan. 9.—La Prensa publishes the report that an engagement has taken place off Rio Grande de Norte, Brazil, between the British battle cruiser Invincible and the German cruiser Von der Tann, adding that the Von der Tann has been sunk.

The German battle cruiser Von der Tann was reported several weeks ago to have crossed the Atlantic to join the other German warships in the South Atlantic or Pacific. Her arrival in those waters never has been recorded.

The Von der Tann is of 12,000 tons displacement, 562 feet in length, a speed of 27.5 knots. She carries a complement of 910 men on an armament of eight 11-inch guns, ten 5.5-inch guns, sixteen 24-pounders and four torpedo tubes.

The British battle cruiser Invincible is of 17,250 tons displacement with a complement of 731 men. Her armament includes eight 12-inch guns, sixteen 4-inch guns and four torpedo tubes.

The Invincible was one of the British squadron which sank the German squadron off the Falkland Islands.

## WAR SCARE CAUSES WHEAT TO DECLINE

Number 2 Red Cash Sold Down to \$1.36; May Options Goes to \$1.38.

(By Associated Press.)  
CHICAGO, Jan. 9.—Reports that congress might be asked to declare an embargo on foodstuffs, and vague rumors that Italy might soon enter the war against Turkey, and force an outlet for Russian wheat through the Dardanelles resulted in a break of almost 4 cents in wheat prices here today. Number 2 red cash sold down to \$1.36 a bushel and on change the May option declined to \$1.38.

President Taft, of the Board of Trade, discussing today the recent sudden rise, said:

"Those who are qualified to express an opinion of wheat values know that there is but one cause or reason for the present range of prices. That cause is based on the fact that Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Holland, France, England and Italy have been in competition as buyers in the United States markets during the last few months. Closing of the Dardanelles and elimination of exports from Russia has concentrated the world's demand on the United States. Manipulations have had nothing to do with creating this situation, in my judgment."

Steamer Receiving Official Attention

(By Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—The status of the former Hamburg-American steamer Dacia, loading at Port Arthur, Texas, with cotton for Bremen, Germany, is receiving official attention here, it was learned today, because of an intimation from the British government that this ship might be regarded as subject to seizure. The questions involved are of great importance not only to Americans seeking to purchase interned German merchant ships, but also to southern cotton interests, now exerting every effort to find means of placing the staple in European markets.

Will Pass Through U. S.

NACO, Ariz., Jan. 9.—The American State department has granted permission to General Benjamin Hill, Carranza commander in Sonora, to pass through the United States on his way to Vera Cruz. Hill will depart tomorrow under orders to report to General Carranza on the killing and wounding of persons on the American side of the line during the siege of Naco, Sonora.

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## PENDULUM HAS SWUNG TOO FAR

The People Are Regulating Too Much Says Former President Taft.

(By Associated Press.)  
BOSTON, Jan. 9.—"The people are regulating too much," the pendulum has swung too far the other way," said former President Taft, speaking of railroad matters at the annual dinner of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology tonight.

Mr. Taft followed a Howard Elliott, president of the New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad, who expressed the opinion that the regulatory power of the government was being exercised too far.

"At first," said Mr. Taft, "the railroads thought they were the whole thing. They violated the law, did things they should not do, and the people as they did the interstate commerce commission during the early part of its life. But they found, as everybody else will find, that nobody can defy the people on questions of justice."

"I agree with President Wilson that the pendulum has swung too far, that the people are regulating too much, and consequently the people are hurting themselves. We must restrain our steps if we would work for good."

Convention Fails to Meet.

MEXICO CITY, Jan. 9.—The national convention called to name a provisional president and adopt a reform program, failed to meet today. Sessions have been suspended indefinitely. Southern delegates, however, met today. Those present represented only the Zapata forces.

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